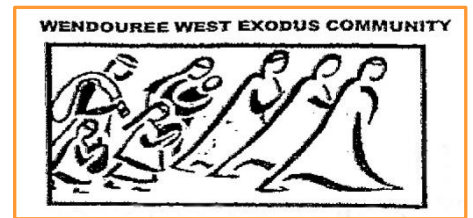


CELEBRATING TEN YEARS



Wendouree West Exodus Community celebrated its 10th birthday earlier in the year with a BBQ. Invitations were sent to all residents of Wendouree West the week before the BBQ. The House Team organised to order the meat from Beaumont Meats, which they donated free of charge, with donations of salads, cakes and sweets from many who attended.



At 10.30 on the morning of the BBQ, people started to arrive and help set up tables and chairs. Volunteers came to cook the meat and onions.

People came from all over Ballarat to help celebrate this special milestone; the West Heidelberg Exodus Community brought a bus of ten along. About one hundred people attended including Sharon Knight MP, Ballarat City Councillors, Redemptorists priests and Rector of Kew Monastery Glenne de Cruz came to celebrate with us.

The sausages, hamburgers and salads were very much enjoyed by all and were followed by fruit salad and ice-cream. We cut the cake made by Robyn Waugh in the shape of the number 10. The usual 'Happy Birthday' was sung by everyone and candles blown out. There were speeches by Elly Green, Coordinator and Fr Frank Smith CSsR. Apologies were read and Frank and Elly thanked all who have been a part of the Exodus journey.

Many thanks are extended to those who helped out on the day and those who stayed and cleaned up afterwards. It was a great day.

Established in 2004, members of the Wendouree West Exodus Community strive to journey with the people of Wendouree West and with each other, listening deeply to the needs of the people. Activities include a drop in for free soup and cuppas every Saturday midday onwards; Home visitation and visitation of the sick; Ministries for youth; Advocacy; Faith development and journeying; Accompanying people to court; Regular weekday Mass; Leadership development; Networking with agencies; Catholic Women's League. The Exodus Community lives and work within the Parish of Our Lady Help of Christians Wendouree.

Wendouree West Exodus Community Leaders

